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Third Party, the People.

Coal Presidents and Representatives of the
Miners Summoned to Washington

Thinks the Trouble Can Be Settled Amicably if Both Sides Will Make Concessions Clearly Dictated by Common Sense—If He Is Disappointed He Thinks He Intends to Take Legal Means to Force the Operation of the Mines

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2. President Roosevelt is confident that the coal strike and the coal famine shall end simultaneously and at once. There is a famine and a very serious one, he honestly believes, and to the strike, he thinks it can be amicably settled if both sides will consent to make the concessions clearly dictated by common sense, and a desire to get the part of honesty and fairness. That those concessions will be made and the work of mi-

the country be resumed within the next few days, is the President's hope and belief. If he is disappointed in this, he intends to take such means as lie within his power as President of the United States, or in such power as he can invoke, to force the

operation of the mines, notwithstanding the fight between the operators and the miners. The President is terribly in earnest in this matter, and is firmly convinced that he can find his authority and justification in the statutes as they stand, or that he can obtain them by an act of Congress.

As a preliminary step the President will confer to-morrow with the men controlling the output of anthracite coal and John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and will put the situation before them in such a way that, in his opinion, it will be necessary for them to take some decided action at once, either in the way of compromise or a determination to continue the fight in defiance of public opinion and the President of the United States.

The only member of the Cabinet who will be present at the conference to-morrow will be Attorney-General Knox, who, with Secretary Root, has been the special ad-

programme to be followed. It is possible that Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, will be present, but no other officials of the Administration.

The President will receive his visitors in the second-story front room of the house.

Executive Mansion is being repaired and restored. The windows of this room over-

look Lafayette Park, on the opposite side of which is the residence of Senator Marcus A. Hanna. The homes of Senator Devereux, Secretary Hay and other statesmen are visible from the east windows. The President will be seated in the invalid's wheelchair, which will be surrounded by his cabinet.

The President is just now in fine form mentally and physically, barring the accident to his shinbone, which, although it confines him to his chair, causes him

working hard all this week, giving nearly all of his time to the coal-strike question and to-day for the first time he received a few general visitors. They found him as cheerful and lively and vigorous as ever and intensely eager to open the negotiations.

The President's formal greeting to the men he has asked to confer with him will be in the form of a typewritten address prepared by him with the assistance

Secretary Root and Attorney-General Knox, the two men he regards as the very best lawyers in the United States. What response will be made to this address the President has no means of knowing, as until he does know he will not determine what his own answer shall be. He will not

no definite proposition to either side, he suggests any particular form of agreement, neither will he hold out any threats in case his appeal for a compromise is disregarded, but he will make it plain to his hearers that he is determined that the coal strike

The President considers that there are three parties to the great fight which will be brought to a crisis in his sick chamber to-morrow—the operators of the anthracite

the people of the United States. The third party is the one of which the President regards himself as the representative, and he means to fight their case to the bitter end if necessary, in order to succeed.

pathy lies. He will simply endeavor to impress upon those present that a situation has been created that has become intolerable and that there must be a remedy at once. If it is offered by either of the other two parties to the conference, well and

upon them by the President of the United States, acting for the general public under the laws of the United States, either existing or, if need be, called in to existence by Congress.

the great coal companies as to inflict a grave outrage upon the people of the United States. He also believes that there have been misdemeanors amounting to big crimes committed by the miners and the unionists, and he intends that they

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